



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Reply Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116-Expedited  
Procedure - Technology Center**

In re Patent Application of

Yasushi Shigemori et al.

Application No.: 09/989,526

Filing Date: November 21, 2001

Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING DNA POLYMORPHISM APPLYING TRIPLE STRAND DNA FORMATION TECHNIQUE

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Strzelecka, Teresa E.

Confirmation No.: 9938

**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the  \$55.00 (2814)  \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

Also enclosed is/are two attachments (copy of September 9, 2002 postcard receipt date-stamped by U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed September 9, 2002)

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Small entity status is hereby claimed.

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  \$385.00 (2801)  \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_

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on \_\_\_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.

Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

No additional claim fee is required.

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	8	MINUS 20 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.

Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on February 27, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: